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Enclosed are:

1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of 23 pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and twenty-eight (28) claims.
3. Zero (0) sheets of drawings
4. And, if indicated:

☐ A preliminary amendment

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

☐ A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2) (B)(i).

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or 35 U.S.C. 119(e), Applicants hereby claim priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/436,041 entitled "High Strength Nonwoven Web from a Biodegradable Aliphatic Polyester" and filed on December 23, 2002, in the names of Mark G. Reichmann et al. (Docket No. 17142).

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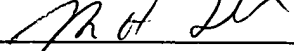
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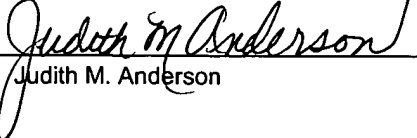
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